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SUBJECT: OIL EXPLORATION PROPOSALS IN BANGLADESH

REF: DACCA 1950 ( NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY TWO FURTHER LETTERS FROM AHMED BEZA, OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY ( OIL EXPLORATION), MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, INVITING US COMPANIES TO APPEAR FOR DETAILED NEGOTIATION THEIR PROPOSALS EXPLORE FOR OIL BAY OF BENGAL. LIKE ATLANTIC RICHFIELD, WHICH WAS SENT PREVIOUS SUCH LETTER, COMPANIES HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OFFSHORE EXPLORATION INDIAN WATERS AS WELL ( NEW DELHI 4879).

2. TWO NEW COMPANIES ARE OFFSHORE EXPLORATION, WHICH EMBASSY HAD NOT THOUGHT A SERIOUS APPLICANT ( DACCA 1816), AND CLAYCO PETROLEUM, WHICH HAS NOT LET EMBASSY KNOW IT WAS APPLYING HERE.

3. MESSAGES FOR TWO COMPANIES ARE IDENTICAL. BOTH DATED MAY 2. PLEASE PASS TO MR. BOB FRIEDENBERG, PRESIDENT, OFFSHORE EXPLORATION OIL CO., P. O. BOX 11689, PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19116, AND TO MR. BRUCE JAY CLAYMAN, CLAYCO PETROLEUM CORP., 540 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK 1022.

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3. TEXT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEAR SIR: KINDLY REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF INTENT NO. NIL ( DATED 23 OCTOBER 1972 FOR OFFSHORE EXPLORATION AND DATED 4 JANUARY 1973 FOR CLAYCO) FOR UNDERTAKING EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS IN BANGLADESH. WE ARE HAPPY TO NOTE THE INTEREST SHOWN BY YOUR COMPANY AND WOULD NOW REQUEST YOU TO PLEASE SEND YOUR DETAILED PROPOSAL FOR THIS PURPOSE, AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE MAY MENTION HERE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH IS CONSIDERING PROPOSALS BASED BROADLY ON PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENTS. WE SHALL APPRECIATE IF YOU KINDLY CONFIRM BY CABLE, THE APPROXIMATE DATE OF SUBMISSION OF YOUR PROPOSAL. WE MAY ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE PROPOSAL BE SUBMITTED BY YOUR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE PERSONALLY TO THE UNDERSIGNED WHEN THE SAME CAN BE DISCUSSED AS WELL. THANKING YOU, YOURS FAITHFULLY, AHMED REZA, OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY, MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES UNQUOTE.  
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